number of hair-like teeth, there is a single very large lateral tooth divided into numerous more or less slender hair-like pectinate lobes, somewhat similar to the teeth of the *Ovulidæ.*

Prodromus Systematis Naturalis Regni Vegetabilis; Auctore ALPHONSO DE CANDOLLE. Vol. 14. pars prior. Parisiis, 1856, pp. 492.

It is pleasing to have to announce the publication of another volume of this invaluable work, and to be able to state that it fully supports the character borne by its predecessors. These later volumes, which treat of Monochlamydeous plants, are also the more acceptable from their containing descriptions of Natural Orders, which, from their position in the usual sequence of the orders, have not been elaborated in many extensive systematic works. Some authors have commenced with the Ranunculaceæ, others have started from the Algæ or Gramineæ, and have not been enabled to extend their respective works so far as to arrive at them.

This volume contains the Polygonaceæ by Bentham and Meisner, Myristicaceæ by A. de Candolle, Proteaceæ by Meisner, Penæaceæ and Geissolomaceæ by A. de Candolle. The last of these, if really a distinct order, is singular as including only one known species of plant. The names of the authors are a sufficient surety that the plants have been carefully studied and skilfully described and arranged. We have had occasion to examine some parts of the book with care, and must be allowed to express our admiration of them. We may especially refer to the suborder Polygoneæ, including, with others, the genera *Rumex* and *Polygonum.* Both of these present exceeding difficulty from the large number of closely allied species included in them. They are genera to which Professor Meisner has long paid much attention, and he seems to have drawn the line skilfully between the excessive tendency to combination of some writers, and the extreme desire to found new species, of others.

It is expected that other volumes will soon follow that which is now before us; and we may be allowed to express a hope, that the early volumes of the 'Prodromus' will soon be considered with a view of their being re-written, in conformity with the more perfect state in which their successors have issued from the press.

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ON SOME ADDITIONAL SPECIES OF BIRDS RECEIVED IN COLLECTIONS FROM BOGOTA.

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MM. Verreaux of Paris, knowing the interest I take in New Grenadian ornithology, have most kindly transmitted to me some